

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE THE APPLICATION OF ) Adrian Sparks  
SERIAL NO.: ) 09/745,890  
FILED: ) December 21, 2000  
FOR: ) Load Sharing Nodes in a Network Utilising Shared  
Optical Protection  
CUSTOMER NUMBER ) 23644  
CONFIRMATION NO. ) 1275  
ART UNIT: ) 2613  
EXAMINER: ) Dzung D. Tran  
ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. ) 920537-904862

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MARCH 5, 2009**

Honorable Director of Patents and Trademarks  
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Dear Sir:

Applicants file herewith a full response to the non final Office Action issued March 5, 2009, in connection with the above referenced application.